

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Robert G. Taub

Modification of Mail Classification
Schedule for Global Express
Guaranteed, Express Mail International,
and Outbound Priority Mail International

Docket No. MC2012-9

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

(Issued February 14, 2012)

Introduction. The Commission hereby provides notice, pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.92, that the Postal Service has filed notice of minor classification changes affecting the following competitive mail services: Global Express Guaranteed (GXG), Express Mail International (EMI), and Outbound Priority Mail International (PMI).¹ The Notice was filed on February 10, 2012 under Commission rules 39 CFR 3020.90 and 3020.91. It addresses the nature and rationale for the changes; consistency with 39 U.S.C. 3642; and proposed revisions to Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) language. *Id.*

MCS Change. The first proposed change adds the phrase “other approved software” to the Commercial Base price category description for GXG, EMI, and PMI

¹ Notice of Minor Classification Changes, February 10, 2012 (Notice).

mail services. *Id.* at 1. The current language provides that the Commercial Base price is only applicable when permit imprints are used in conjunction with Postal Service-supplied software. *Id.*, Attachment. The scheduled effective date for this change is April 1, 2012. *Id.* at 2.

The second change affects only the Commercial Base price category description for the PMI product, to which the Postal Service intends to add the phrases “that electronically transmits data” and the word “vendor”. *Id.*, Attachment at 2. The Postal Service states that the addition of these phrases will clarify that, consistent with the corresponding provisions in the GXG and EMI, the Commercial Base price category for PMI requires electronic transmission of customs-related functions, either online at <http://www.usps.com> or by using an authorized PC postage vendor. *Id.* at 2.

Related procedural matters. The Commission has posted the Notice on its website at <http://www.prc.gov>. It encourages interested persons to review the Notice for further details. It also invites comments on matters raised by the Notice, including consistency of the changes with 39 U.S.C. 3642. The due date for comments and the designated Public Representative are identified in the ordering paragraphs.

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2012-9 to consider the matters raised by the Notice.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, James F. Callow is appointed to serve as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

3. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than February 21, 2012.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary